MASS MEETING

APPOMATTOX HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Monday Night, December 19th, 7:45 p. m.

Hon. J. Lindsey Almond

Attorney-General of Virginia

Will discuss why Virginia voters should vote "For" the calling of a Constitutional Convention to make possible keeping our schools as they are now, in the referendum to be held January 9, 1956

Everyone Attend This Meeting - - - It Is Urgent

Put Aside Everything Else! Inform Yourself As To The School Emergency.

Sponsored by

Appomattox County Committee & Officials to Maintain Our Present School System

BELOW IS A COPY OF A RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD IN SPECIAL SESSION ON DECEMBER 13, 1955:

Wheras, The General Assembly of Virginia has enacted by an overwhelming vote an Act submitting to the people the question whether or not there shall be a limited convention, to which there will be delegated by the people, only the limited powers of revising and amending Section 141 of the Constitution; and

Whereas, His Excellency, Governor Thomas B. Stanley, has set January 9, 1956 as the date for holding an election to decide whether or not there shall be a convention; and

Whereas, it is our ernest hope that public education can be prepreserved in the State of Virginia. It is our feeling that unless a program such as that proposed by the Legislature of Virginia for the amending of Section 141, that there are many localities in the state which will have no schools; and

Whereas, we, the School Board of Appomattox County, believe that the best interests of the public schools of Virginia will be served by the amending of Section 141;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that we, the School Board of Appomattox County, urge all citizens interested in the preservation and improvement of public schools to vote "For", the convention; and be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the meeting of this date and a copy sent to the local newspaper for publication.

Signed:

T. DeWitt Evans, Chairman
T. J. Ligon, S. B. Mbr.
J. A. Davidson, S. B. Mbr.

OVERFLOW CROWDS WILL BE ACCOMODATED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA BY LOUD SPEAKER SYSTEM

SUPERVISOR RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County, this 14th day of December, 1955:

That it hereby endorses the action of the Governor of Virginia, the Gray Commission and the Legislature of Virginia, in their efforts to maintain segregation in the public schools of Virginia, and to preserve the sovereign rights and powers of the State, and requests the voters of Appomattox County to vote for the calling of a Limited Convention to amend Sec. 141 of the State Constitution as proposed, on Jan. 9th next, believing such action will be for the best interest of all concerned, both White and Colored.

The above resolution was adopted by a majority vote of the Board, two members voting for and one opposing.

A Copy, Teste: C. W. SMITH, Clerk.

TO THE CITIZENS OF APPOMATTOX COUNTY:

I believe that the Legislature of Virginia acted according to democratic principels in giving the people a chance to vote on a limited Constitutional Convention for the purpose of amending Section 141 of the Virginia Constitution.

The only intent of this proposed amendment is to permit state funds to be used for tuition grants to pupils attending non-sectarian private schools.

The recent United States Supreme Court decision provides that no pupil be forced to attend a segregated school. The purpose of this amendment of Section 141 of the Virginia Constitution is to prevent any pupil being forced to attend an fintergrated school. In simple justice, it ought to work both ways.

Without this optional provision of choosing on the part of the parents as to what type of school their children will attend and the easing of tension in this respect, then many localities in Virginia would end up without having any schools.

It took the State of Virginia a long time to get started on a system of public free schools and it has taken seventy-five years for it to develop to its present state of effectiveness. Let us do nothing to destroy or hamper it, but let us make it flexible enough to fit the needs of any locality.

It should be remembered that before there was any legal compulsion either from Richmond or Washington, this county had set about to equalize educational opportunities of both races. It was among the first counties in Virginia to pay equal salaries. White and Negro citizens of Appomattox County have worked together side by side in a cooperative, mutal understanding for a long number of years for the improvement of our school system and the advancement of both races along parallel lines. If given the opportunity, they will continue to do so. I have a great deal of confidence and respect for the ability and good sense of both races here to work out our own local problems in a satisfactory way.

With these things in mind, I will vote for the Limited Constitutional Convention. There is nothing in this amendment that would relieve the State of Virginia from the responsibility of maintaining a system of public education.

Respectfully yours,
J. A. BURKE, Superintendent
Appomattox County Public Schools.

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To everybody, everywhere, we extend our sincere wishes for an old-fashioned Yuletide...warm with friendship...richly endowed with happy memories...bright with promise for the future ...abounding with good health and good fellowship ...a season filled with deep and lasting joy.

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